

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-4 (*Canceled*)

5. (*Previously presented*) A multi-layered hydrophilic polymeric material for inactivation of a virus according to claim 8 wherein said particles are of a size of between about 1 and 10 microns.

6. (*Previously presented*) A multi-layered hydrophilic polymeric material for inactivation of a virus according to claim 8 wherein said particles are present within said hydrophilic material in a concentration of about 1 to 3 w/w %.

7. (*Previously presented*) A multi-layered hydrophilic polymeric material for inactivation of a virus according to claim 8, wherein said first hydrophilic polymeric layer comprises a material selected from the group consisting of latex, nitrile, acrylics, polyvinyl alcohol and silastic rubber.

8. (*Previously presented*) A multi-layered hydrophilic polymeric material for inactivation of a virus, wherein said polymeric material comprises
a first hydrophilic polymeric layer having particles encapsulated within, wherein said particles consist essentially of copper oxide, and wherein said particles release both Cu^{++} and Cu^{+} and
a second hydrophilic polymeric layer which is substantially free of copper oxide particles.

9. *(Previously presented)* A multi-layered hydrophilic polymeric material for inactivation of a virus according to claim 7, wherein said first hydrophilic polymeric layer and said second hydrophilic polymeric layer are formed of the same polymeric material.

10- 27. *(Canceled)*

28. *(Previously amended)* A hydrophilic polymeric material for inactivation of a virus according to claim 8 wherein said polymeric material is in the form of a film.

29. *(Canceled)*

30. *(Previously presented)* The multi-layered hydrophilic polymeric material of claim 8, wherein copper oxide is the sole antiviral component therein.

31. *(Previously presented)* The multi-layered hydrophilic polymeric material of claim 8, wherein the first hydrophilic polymeric layer is latex.

32. *(Previously presented)* The multi-layered hydrophilic polymeric material of claim 31, wherein the second hydrophilic polymeric layer is latex.

33. *(Previously presented)* The multi-layered hydrophilic polymeric material of claim 8, that comprises a third hydrophilic polymeric layer.

34. *(Previously presented)* The multi-layered hydrophilic polymeric material of claim 33, wherein said third hydrophilic polymeric layer comprises particles consisting essentially of copper oxide.

35. *(Previously presented)* The multi-layered hydrophilic polymeric material of claim 34, wherein said third hydrophilic polymeric layer lies between said first and said second layers.

36. *(Previously presented)* The multi-layered hydrophilic polymeric material of claim 35, wherein at least one of said layers is latex.

37. *(Previously presented)* The multi-layered hydrophilic polymeric material of claim 36, wherein said first, second and third layers are latex.